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Senator Lewis' 349. Should it be passed, this bill will be unnecessary. I would ask that the bill be set two day after LB 349. I believe Frank has that set for April 17. Is that right? April 10, if so, I would like this subsequent to that bill....it could be an unnecessary discussion. I am moving that it be set for...

PRESIDENT: Bracket it for April 14?

SENATOR MURPHY: That would be fine.

PRESIDENT: Senator Murphy asks unanimous consent to bracket until April 14. Is there any objection. Seeing none, it is so ordered. Go ahead with the next bill Mr. Clerk. LB 96

CLERK: Bill read. Mr. President, there are lengthy committee amendments by Senator Rasmussen's Government Committee.

PRESIDENT: Senator Rasmussen.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the committee amendments are lengthy but all they are doing is eliminating all the remaining sections of the bill concerning the area of recounts that's coming along in another bill. Also included in the committee amendments is the pay scale which this has already been changed and set for judges and clerks. I would ask for the adoption of the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: Discussion of the committee amendments? The question is, shall the committee amendments to LB 96 be adopted? Record your vote. Please vote. Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, no nays.

PRESIDENT: The amendments are adopted. Senator Moylan.

SENATOR MOYLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, when this bill was originally introduced it was quite a complicated bill. It covered several areas which need attention. However, Senator Anderson has a bill that pertains to the same subjects that are included in this bill. This bill was cut down and that's why there are such extensive committee amendments. Now the real purpose of this bill is to establish uniformity in the time at which salaries of election commissioners are to be set County Board. It also brings the payment of election board workers up to the minimum wage. In the past the Election Commissioner was a government appointee however, he is an employee of the county. The county does not set the salaries of their employees until it is too late for them to act on the Election Commissioner's salary. So this bill, although he's appointed by the Governor, is a county employee and the County Board shall set the salary of the Election Commissioner and the Chief Deputy at least 60 days prior to the expiration of the term of office for the Election Commissioner. This also holds true for the election workers on election day that their salary cannot be adjusted unless they are set 60 days before the expiration of the Election Commissioner's salary. It is necessary to bring their salary up to the minimum wage. So I move that LB 96 be advanced to E & R Initial.

CLERK: Mr. President, there is an amendment offered by Senator Moylan to add the emergency clause.